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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on December 18, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application and setting a shortened three-month period for reply.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this document.